

**CLAIMS**

We claim:

- 1        1. A computerized method for estimating coverage of search engines,
- 2        each search engine maintaining an index of words of pages located at specific
- 3        address in a network, comprising the steps of:
- 4            generating a random query, the random query being a logical
- 5            combination of words found in a training set of the pages;
- 6            submitting the random query to a first search engine;
- 7            receiving a set of URLs in response to the random query;
- 8            randomly selecting a particular URL identifying a sample page;
- 9            generating a strong query for the sample page;
- 10          submitting the strong query to a second search engine; and
- 11          comparing result information received in response to the strong query
- 12          to determine if the second search engine has indexed the sample page.